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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Hon. William H. Pauley, III  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United State Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
Room 2210  
New York, NY 10007

**RE: United States of America v. Preston Leschins, et al.  
Index #: 07 Civ.3384**

Dear Honorable Sir:

This office is counsel to HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA), Defendant in the above captioned matter.

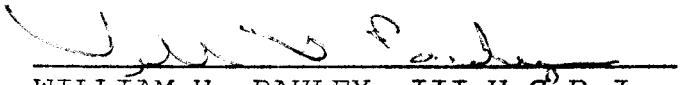
Please allow this letter to serve as our request for an extension of time to serve an answer to the complaint in this matter. Upon information and belief, the complaint herein was served upon my client on April 30, 2007 by service at a local branch. This matter was not referred to my office until recently. The nature of this action is to foreclose upon shares of stock and a proprietary lease by Plaintiff which is currently held by my client as collateral security for a loan given to Defendant Preston Leschins.

There is currently litigation pending in both the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, and Landlord Tenant Court of the City of New York concerning the subject collateral. These issues are being addressed simultaneously with this action.

No previous request for an extension of time has been made to this Court. The Attorney forth Plaintiff has consented to our request for an extension of time to serve an Answer to June 25, 2007.

Application granted. The deadline to answer is extended to 6/25/07.

**SO ORDERED:**

  
WILLIAM H. PAULEY III U.S.D.J.

5/30/07

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Thank you for your courtesies and consideration in this matter.  
Please call our office with any questions.

Very truly yours,



Robert Sambursky

cc: Lawrence Fogelman, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff